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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified matter, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12.

Please add new claims 13 - 21 as follows:

- 13. (New) Method for differential diagnosis of autoimmune diseases of the GSE-type or associated with gluten sensitive enteropathy comprising taking a sample and testing the sample for antibodies against human tissue transglutaminase and at least one other transglutaminase molecule selected from FXIIIA, TGK, TGx, Tge and Band 4.2.
- 14. (New) Method as claimed in 13, wherein the auto immune disease's dermatitis herpetiformis, or morbus Duhring.
- 15. (New) Method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the autoimmune disease is selected from Addison's disease, AI haemolytic anaemia, AI thrombocytopenic purpura, AI thyroid diseases, atrophic gastritis – pernicious anaemia, Crohn's